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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshikazu NAGAMURA, et al.

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR WASHING PHOTOMASK AND WASHING SOLUTION FOR PHOTOMASK

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of washing a photomask comprising first to third steps of:  
removing organic matter and metal impurities present on the surface of a photomask;  
removing foreign matter adhering to said surface of said photomask with H<sub>2</sub> gas  
dissolved water; and  
drying said photomask,  
wherein said photomask is a phase-shift mask including halftone mask, said H<sub>2</sub> gas  
dissolved water contains ammonia and the concentration of said ammonia is not more than 1%.